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Sir:

The patent application referred to above was filed in the U.S. Patent Office as a national application under 35 USC §371. Applicants have been notified that a copy of the International Search Report has been made available in the national stage file. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby request that the references listed on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08 be made of record and considered in the examination of the subject application.

The applicants wish to note that the foreign patent documents are in a foreign language; however, U.S. documents are also listed that act as counterpart translations as follows:

US 20030101866, US 20050067346 and US 20020100368 may serve as English translations for documents (1) WO 01/80981 A1; (2) DE 100 19 711 A1; (3) DE 100 19 695 A1; (4) DE 100 51 910 A1; and (5) DE 101 00 921 A1.

US 20030101866 is an English translation of (1) which claims the priorities of (2) and (3). (2) and (3) correspond largely to U.S. 20030101866. (3), however, contains the additional information that "in principle, the sorptively-acting supporting body of the separating layer may be of the identical material as the membrane itself, or may be of a different material as the separating layer" (see paragraph [0036].

US 20020100368, which corresponds to (4), contains, however, additional sections (e.g., paragraphs [0026], [0033], [0047], [0076], [0080], [0084]-[0087], [0089]-[0092].

US 20020100368 corresponds to (5), but contains an additional drawing (Fig. 4) for an embodiment mentioned but not illustrated in (5) see [0022] in (5).

The applicants have further enclosed an English translation of the Hoffschulz et al. reference.

The Applicants are attaching herewith copies of all items listed on Form PTO/SB/08 including the U.S. published patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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